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AMENDMENT Under 37 CFR 1.111

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box Fee Amendment Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2002, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. A three-month extension of time is necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, therefore, such extension of time is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and the required fee of \$920.00 is submitted herewith. It is not believed any further extension of time is required. However, if any additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fees required to prevent abandonment of this application are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1682.

Please enter the following amendments.

In the Claims